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CONLAN'S A GREAT UMP BUT PLEASE JOCKO

As they say in the advertising columns . . . It's on sale everywhere . . . National League umpire Jocko Conlan's story "My Life With The Managers" in the June 3 edition of the Saturday Evening Post.

In the teaser, under the title, the Post editors inform the reader that this is the story of "The National League's senior umpire," telling "of his clashes with such fiery managers as Durocher, Frisch, Haney, and Hutchinson." Expecting to get the real low down on what really transpires between umpire and manager on the field you suddenly discover, midway through the article, that Jocko is a frustrated ballplayer who's advice to managers, when taken, will make them the greatest mentors in the business.



"JOCKO"

"So I went to him (Hemus) one day and said, 'you know, you're a bush-league manager when you pull stunts like that, I can show you how to act like a big-league manager if you want to be one. You know when your pitcher's ready to be taken out, don't you? You've got to telephone to call the bull-pen coach. Why do you need all those men going out to talk to the pitcher? I am not going to allow all those men to march in and out and then have you come out there yourself.'"

The fiery ex-shortstop agreed with the senior umpire. That initial year of Solly's saw the Cardinals finish in the second division . . . Hemus had promised Jocko that he wouldn't go out to the mound again . . . he just ordered his pitching changes from the bench.

DUROCHER 'QUIET' FOR TEN YEARS

As for present Dodger coach Leo Durocher Jocko states that the Lip must have "forgotten" when he kicked him in a recent "contest" in Los Angeles. Leo's memory lapsed the senior umpire relates for he had been in reality a condescending and quiet manager for some ten years until his end in that capacity with the Giants in 1955.

This writer cannot blame Durocher for the past attitude. No one likes to take advice everytime he questions a decision. As for the shin-kicking episode Leo probably wanted to rediscover his early years as a manager with the Brooks.

So great a player was Jocko, as a White Sox with Chicago in 1935, that the managers of the Sox and St. Louis agreed to use him as an umpire when the regular caller had collapsed with a sunstroke. From then on Jocko, reiterates it was just a question of time before he became a regular ump . . . his work was so good.

MANAGERS NEED NO UMP ADVICE

Jocko's ability as a National League umpire is not questioned here. His honesty is beyond reproach and his accuracy is comparable to a Geneva timepiece. He's in a league with Judge Landis of baseball immortality. As a teacher of managers he's infiltrating a department of baseball he knows nothing about.

Managers have the GM, owners, and general public to contend with and were they to listen, like Jocko wants them to, heaven help baseball as we know it today.

Three Shutouts by Ruth Leaguers

United Steel Workers Local 1414 Dodgers lead the Torrance Babe Ruth League with five victories and no losses. Exchange Club Padres are close behind with four wins and one loss.

Only homerun during the past week of play was swatted by Mike Houston of the Elks.

Mike Blankenship of the Dodgers threw a no hitter, earning fifteen strikeouts in effort. Other good pitching efforts during the week were Lloyd Gilstrap of the Angels, eleven strikeouts and a shutout and Don Coil of the Dodgers, seventeen strikeouts and a shutout. Don Coil and Lloyd Gilstrap are the league leading pitchers with three victories and no losses.

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Cardinals Win First Half In Southwood League Play

With the first half of the season completed on Memorial Day, the Border Market Cardinals own the title to the first round championship of Southwood Little League.

Cards recorded an 8 and 1 record with the Dominguez Water Cubs and International House of Pancakes Redlegs tied for second place, having 7 wins and 3 losses each. In fourth position are the Giants, having won 4 and lost 6, while the Don Wilson Braves and Quinn Dairy Dodgers wound up deadlocked in the cellar with 2-8 records. The Cards will play the second-half champs for the Southwood '61 championship.

SECOND VICTORY

In the first game of the Memorial Day double header at Tibben Field, the Braves eked out their second win by defeating the Giants on two unearned runs as both Fred Schwanbeck of the Braves and Ronnie Sells of the Giants struck out 10 opposing batters. Tom Geary made both tallies for the Don Wilson nine by moving around the bases on passed balls and wild pitches after getting free rides to first in the second and fifth innings.

In Tuesday's second game the House of Pancakes Redlegs blasted the Quinn Dairy Dodgers for 11 runs on six hits in the fifth inning after 4½ frames of scoreless ball. The big stick for the Reds was John Black, who lifted two over the fence for seven RBI's in the landslide fifth. John's grand slam homer and three marker in one inning set a new Southwood record. Mike Peak also homered in the fifth, but could count only one tally as he came to bat immediately after John Black had cleared the bases the first time.

Black notched two singles earlier in the game for a perfect day at the plate. Glen Males and Mike Constantino share the credit for throwing a no-hitter against the Dodgers with Mike relieving Glen in the third stanza.

Constantino gets the win, using Mike Peak for his receiver, while Bruce Cooke and Mike Weiser were the battery for the Dodgers.

R H E
Giants . . . 000 000—0 4 1
Braves . . . 010 01x—2 1 0
Sells and Cook, G. Gsling (3), F. Schwanbeck and Scroggins.

R H E
Dodgers . . . 000 0 00—0 0 3
Redlegs . . . 000 0 11x—11 9 2
Cooke, Murin (5) and Weiser. Males, M. Constantino (3) and Peak, Farrah (6). Home runs: Redlegs, Black, 2, and Peak.

TEAM STANDINGS . . .

Central Little League Ends First Month of Play

Torrance Central Little League opened its playing season last month at Mobil Park with six teams playing on the major field, and six teams playing on the minor field, with an additional four teams playing in the training league, according to Burt Easley, president.

Major teams are: Braves, sponsored by Southwest Savings and Loan and managed by Bob Kelsey, coached by Fred Sullivan; Cards, sponsored by Pacific Smelting and managed by Earl Clayton, coached by Neal Vocke; Cubs, sponsored by Plasters & Cement Masons Local 838, and managed by Jerry Yancey, coached by John Perry; Dodgers, sponsored by Medical Arts Pharmacy and managed by Clarence Tyler, coached by Clair Johnson; Giants, sponsored by Torrance Kiwanis and managed by Bill Floyd, coached by Jim Thornhill and Charles Hornbeck; Yanks, sponsored by Torrance Rotary and managed by John Tweedy, coached by Joe Carter and Bob Fernley.

At the end of seven games, the team standings are: Dodgers, 7 wins, 0 losses; Braves, 5 wins, 1 loss; Cubs, 3 wins, 4 losses; Yanks, 3 wins, 4 losses; Cards, 2 wins, 5 losses; Giants, 4 wins, 7 losses.

MINORS

Minor teams are: Braves, sponsored by H. J. Osborne Real Estate and managed by Lloyd Monroe, coached by Herb Dugger; Cards, sponsored by Tool Components, Inc., and managed by Dick Olson, coached by Willys Blount and Bob Enoch; Cubs, sponsored by Coastrcraft Rubber and managed by Bob Waddell, coached by John Martin; Dodgers, sponsored by Joslin Lumber Co. and managed by Bob Pannell, coached by Lowell Pannell.

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BOWLING

With Darlene Cope

Jerry Homel of Gable House confirmed plans this week to feature a nightly FM radio program to be broadcast directly from Gable to everyone in the South Bay Area.

YOU CAN BE ON RADIO

The FM radio station KAPP, 93.5 MC, located at 2159 Hawthorne Blvd., Redondo Beach, will install its equipment to bring Gable House on the air to its public.

Jerry Homel will MC the program and his plans for evening activities will be interviews of star and top bowlers, informal chatter with bowlers on the lanes, and music. Homel will also have bowling matches between houses, interesting news, and many league scores.

The title of the program will be "The Gable House Gab" and will be heard from 9 to 9:55 p.m. nightly. So stand by and watch for the announcement of the premiere. Air time should be in approximately three weeks. It will be a must to be on hand at Gable to participate in the excitement, but if it is impossible, be sure and keep your ear glued to the crystal set.

HIGH PINNERS

Today, the men head the list to be recognized for their top scores.

High for the week is Bill Cowell with a smashing 289. Next, just seven pins short, was Mark Chrismon with a 282. Not far behind and still shooting great scores were Frank Kessler, General Telephone, 356, Donn Murphy, 256; Harold Robinson, Singles Classic, 254; and H. Axton, Eagles, 253.

Paul Silver rolled a 150 triplicate in the Moonlight Bowl. Junior scorers are Ron Tanner, South High, 239; Dennis Martin, 234; and Bert Harrison, Jefferson and Gable tournament, 212.

In the same tournament, a bantam bowler, L. Raven, shot a fine game of 205.

Now ladies, it's your turn to take bows. Peggy Wall shot a high of 236 while others were Jean Dynek, 227; Julie Albrecht, Gable Perchers, 225; Flo Schow, 223; Billie Grant, 214-217; Val Fuller, 222; Alice OHira, 212; Orah Millar, Forrester, 211; Doris Comer, Gable Perchers, 209; G. Sagehorn, Hilltoppers, 207; Emma Spates, 200; and Ann Homel, 200.

Five ladies converted the 6-7-10 split and they were Ann Hutton, GHBA; Mary Hartmen, Sunsetters; Doris Teague, Top Notchers; J. Chrastka, Del Amo; and Fran Liddle, Del Amo.

Two converted the 4-7-10 and they were Its Yamamoto,

Forrest Hunt Wins Top Athlete of the Year Trophy

Highlight of last week's sports news was the annual athletic award banquet of Bishop Montgomery High School, held at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro.

Guest of honor was Torrance Mayor Albert Isen and guest speaker was Tom Hawkins of the Los Angeles Lakers. Master of ceremonies post was held down by Quinn Short, football coach at Montgomery.

Number one athlete of the year, Forrest Hunt, hard hitting shortstop on the Montgomery nine, received two athletic awards. First trophy, the annual Pep Club's sportsmanship award was presented by Father Fabian, and the second, the Athlete of the Year presentation, be the combined coaches of the school.

Central Pony League Cards Take Another in Saturday Contest

In Torrance Central Pony League play Saturday afternoon the cellar dwelling Red Sox and Cards had a set to at Mobil Park. It was a good game with few hits on each side. Five hits were tallied for the Cards and four for the Red Sox. Bill Valles went all the way for the Cards while the Sox used two pitchers, Donald Tippie and Dave Roberts. Final score Cards five, Sox four.

First game on Sunday at 1 p.m. was between the league leading Indians and the Tigers. Tigers had to use three pitchers, Steve Melchert, Donald Sharpe and John Osbourne, while Geno Adams went all the way for the Indians.

Last game Sunday was between the White Sox and the Yanks. There was one home run for each team. John Marjala slammed a homer for the Yanks with none on, and Steve Kealey, his second of the year, with two men on for the Sox. Sox lost the game after the three pitchers issued ten walks. Tom Garrison started, was relieved in the first by Ken Ishibashi, who was relieved in the fourth by Tommy Thomson. Keith Patton went all the way for the Yanks.

Nisel, and Gladys Batchelor.

Virginia Ruffner of the G.A.A. league spared the 4-6-7-10 split.

WEEKLY WINNERS

There were three more winners in the exciting Moonlight Bowl last Saturday night. These winners all shot the same series, so each will receive free bowling for four months. The winners are Tom Spates, Ruth Caudle, and Marlene Monson.

Last week winners for the fabulous Bowl-A-Round are HS, H. Burke, 680; second HS, M. Welch and R. Clements, 665; and HG, D. Bonci, 259.

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